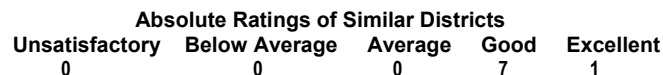


## Dorchester 2

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Good  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Below Average



### Definitions of District Rating Terms

**Excellent-** District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

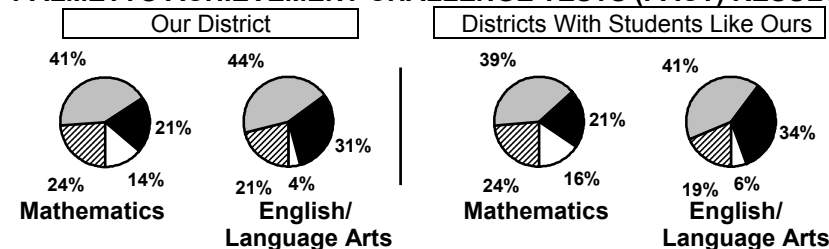
**Good-** District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average-** District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average-** District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory-** District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

## PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



**Advanced**
 **Proficient**
 **Basic**
 **Below Basic**

### DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2002		Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships*		Students Scoring Basic or Above on The PACT		
	N	%	N	%	N	% ELA	% Math
<b>All students</b>	1,014	95.1%	910	22.4%	7,639	78.8%	76.1%
Students with disabilities other than speech	32	78.1%	68	0.0%	584	37.7%	38.5%
Students without disabilities	980	95.3%	842	24.2%	6,954	83.4%	80.3%
<b>Gender</b>							
Male	512	96.1%	452	22.6%	3,916	74.4%	76.1%
Female	499	93.4%	458	22.3%	3,723	83.6%	76.0%
<b>Ethnic Group</b>							
African American	216	87.5%	209	8.1%	2,184	65.8%	59.1%
Hispanic	12	91.7%	13	0.0%	80	77.5%	73.8%
White	769	96.9%	667	27.6%	5,252	84.2%	83.0%
Other	13	92.3%	21	14.3%	123	80.5%	82.9%
<b>Lunch Status</b>							
Free/reduced-price lunch	110	92.7%	85	7.1%	2,398	66.0%	62.6%
Pay for lunch	899	95.0%	825	24.0%	5,134	86.5%	83.9%

N equals number of students on which percentages are calculated.

\*Using the criteria for students who entered college in fall 2001.

## Dorchester 2

### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	First-time Examinees		
	2000	2001	2002
<b>Our district</b>			
Passed all 3 subtests	73.2%	72.4%	77.2%
Passed 2 subtests	16.3%	16.6%	14.2%
Passed 1 subtest	7.9%	7.3%	6.0%
Passed no subtest	2.6%	3.7%	2.6%
<b>Districts with students like ours</b>			
Passed all 3 subtests	75.3%	76.4%	74.8%
Passed 2 subtests	13.9%	13.3%	14.2%
Passed 1 subtest	7.5%	6.9%	6.8%
Passed no subtest	3.3%	3.4%	4.3%

### LIFE scholarships at four-year institutions\*

	Percent of Seniors Meeting Grade Point Average Requirement	Meeting SAT/ACT Requirement
Our District	22.4	45.8
Districts Like Ours	26.4	55.2
		24.4
		28.2

\*Using the criteria for students who entered college in fall 2001.

**College Admissions Tests:** Tests that are frequently used in the college admissions process.

	SAT Verbal		SAT Math		SAT Total		ACT English		ACT Math		ACT Reading		ACT Science		ACT Total	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
District	496	508	492	501	988	1009	19.4	20.1	19.4	19.5	19.8	20.6	19.6	20.2	19.7	20.2
State	486	488	488	493	974	981	18.8	18.8	19.3	19.1	19.5	19.3	19.2	19.2	19.3	19.2
Nation	506	504	514	516	1020	1020	20.5	20.2	20.7	20.6	21.3	21.1	21.0	20.8	21.0	20.8

*These tests were administered to samples of students:*

**Terra Nova Test:** A national, norm-referenced achievement test.

Percent scoring in upper half

	Reading		Language		Math		Total	
	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Grade 4	47.8	50.0	43.1	50.0	58.4	50.0	50.5	50.0
Grade 7	45.8	50.0	59.4	50.0	54.7	50.0	53.9	50.0
Grade 10	59.6	50.0	59.5	50.0	62.4	50.0	59.1	50.0

**National Assessment of Education Progress :** A national, criterion-referenced achievement test.

### Percents of Students

Test	Grade	Year	Advanced		Proficient		Basic		Below Basic	
			State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Reading	4	1998	4	6	18	23	33	32	45	39
Writing	8	1998	0	1	15	23	64	59	21	17
Mathematics	4	2000	2	3	16	23	42	43	40	31

### ABBREVIATIONS FOR MISSING DATA

N/A – Not Applicable

N/C – Not Collected

N/R – Not Reported

I/S – Insufficient Sample

## DISTRICT PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

	This District	Change from Last Year	Districts With Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>DISTRICT</b>				
• Dollars per student	\$6,111	Up 9.3%	\$6,285	\$7,072
• Prime instructional time	90.5%	Down from 90.6%	90.9%	89.9%
• Student-teacher ratio	16.8 to 1	Down from 21.3 to 1	21.3 to 1	18.6 to 1
• Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.1%	Up from 0.0%	0.1%	0.4%
<b>STUDENTS (n=16,687)</b>				
• Advanced placement/ Int'l baccalaureate program:				
Participation Rate	15.7%	N/A	16.2%	9.3%
Exam Success Rate	58.4%	N/A	60.3%	52.7%
• Attendance Rate	95.9%	Down from 96.3%	96.4%	96.0%
• Taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	2.5%	Up from 1.2%	4.8%	7.1%
• Taking PACT (Math) off grade level	2.4%	Up from 1.1%	3.8%	5.6%
• Retention rate	5.2%	Up from 4.6%	3.7%	5.6%
<b>TEACHERS (n=1,083)</b>				
• Professional development days per teacher	N/R	N/R	5.0 Days	5.0 Days
• Attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 95.6%	95.2%	95.0%
• Advanced Degrees	50.6%	Up from 47.0%	53.3%	46.6%
• Continuing contracts	84.6%	Up from 78.3%	83.1%	83.1%
• Out-of-field permits	1.6%	Down from 2.3%	1.4%	2.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous year	87.5%	Down from 88.7%	90.7%	88.6%
• Average salary	\$38,888	Up 5.1%	\$40,653	\$39,023

## DISTRICT FACTS

<b>DISTRICT</b>				
• Annual dropout rate	3.5%	No change	2.9%	3.1%
• Percentage spent on teacher salaries	56.2%	No change	56.0%	53.7%
• Superintendent's years in the district	3.0	Up from 2.0	6.0	3.0
• Parent conferences	88.6%	Up from 82.3%	96.6%	93.9%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
• Number of schools	15	No change	17	8
• Number of alternative schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of magnet schools	0	No change	0	0
• Portable classrooms	6.1%	Up from 5.4%	7.8%	6.6%
• Attendance rate of district office staff	92.9%	Up from 90.1%	96.9%	96.8%
• Average administrative salary	\$67,609	Up 3.8%	\$68,426	\$66,570
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Enrollment in adult education GED or diploma programs	219	N/A	192	129
• Number of completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	136	N/A	149	37
• Suspensions and expulsions	4.3%	N/A	1.1%	1.5%
• Percent eligible for state gifted and talented programs	16.5%	Down from 16.8%	17.1%	10.6%
• Percentage with disabilities other than speech	8.4%	Up from 7.9%	8.4%	10.7%

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**Grades** K-12

**Enrollment:** 16,687 Students

**Superintendent** Joseph R. Pye 843-873-2901

**Board Chair** Bufort Blanton, Jr. 843-873-8454

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

**Annual District  
Report Card**

**2002**

### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

High expectations for all students, a quality teaching and support staff, and strong parent and community involvement make Dorchester School District Two one of the leading and fastest growing school districts in the state.

We are proud to serve over 17,000 students in our seventeen schools. All schools have received accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Our community provides outstanding support with over 500 business partnerships and more than 2,500 school volunteers. One of our middle schools was named a Red Carpet School for 2001-2002 by the State Department of Education for its family-friendly school climate. As an outstanding example of community partnership, a district school established the HOSTS Program (Help One Student To Succeed) that brought over 160 community volunteers to the school each week.

District Two takes great pride in the many accomplishments of staff, students, and programs recognized at the state and national level. This year the SCPTA recognized one of our volunteers as the state volunteer of the year, and a local businessman received the State Department of Education's Volunteer Award. For the sixth time, the district has had a principal named SCPTA Principal of the Year. One of our counselors was named SC Guidance Counselor of the Year for 2001-2002. The district boasts the 2002 SC Adult Education Rookie Director of the Year and the SC Adult Education Superintendent of the Year. Thirty-seven teachers have achieved National Board Certification.

Students excelled in all areas of academics and extracurricular activities. District Two students captured the top two spots in the SpellBound Regional Spelling Bee. Thirty-four students were winners in the Lowcountry science fair. A District Two initiative, "The Gullah Connection," was named the 2001 Outstanding Social Studies Program in the state. Our district boasts state championships in Wrestling, Track and Field, Girls Swimming, and Girls Cross Country.

As we continue to strive for excellence, we face the challenges of obtaining adequate funding from local, state, and federal sources to fund facilities and technology needs to accommodate our programs. Dorchester School District Two will continue to focus on the individual needs of students to allow every child to achieve.

Joseph R. Pye, Superintendent

### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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